ducted this year as the post of the Superintendent was abolished. (Proposals are under consideration for the inspection of these schools).

(6) Yes.

Dental Department—opening of.

9. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a dental department at the General Hospital, Ernakulam or elsewhere;

(b) if so, are there not medical officers already in the service who are eminently qualified to be in charge of the new Department?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes; at the General Hospital, Ernakulam and the Civil Hospital, Trichur.

(b) None.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—May I know what is the qualification required for the officer in charge of the new Department?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He must have a registered qualification as a Dental Surgeon.

Maternity Ward—Chittur Hospital—opening of.

10. Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) (a) whether any representation has been made either to the Government or to His Highness the Maharaja about the need for the opening of Maternity Ward in the Chittur Hospital;

(b) whether the Government have enquired into the said need;

(c) if so, what has been the result of such enquiries;

(d) if answer to (a) be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to answer what effect they have given to such representations;

(2) (a) whether there are facilities for maternity ward in any of the hospitals in Chittur Taluk;

(b) whether the doctors have often to attend maternity cases outside hospitals;

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